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BAIL CUT AGAIN FOR GIRLS WHO SHOT STOKES, BUT SERIOUS CHARGE STANDS

Magistrate Reduces Bond to \$10,000 Each at Fourth Hearing on Case.

GO TO COURT ON "L."

Hotel Man Accused of "Ducking the Firing Line" in Going to Jersey.

At a fourth arraignment of Ethel Conrad and Lillian Graham, held this afternoon in the grand jury room in the Criminal Courts Building, Magistrate Freschi further reduced their bail from \$15,000 to \$10,000, but he refused to change the charge against them from attempted murder to assault in the second degree.

As at former arraignments there were spirited wrangles between the opposing counsel, in the course of which Attorney Robert M. Moore, for the girls, charged that W. L. D. Stokes had fled from the Roosevelt Hospital to Long Branch to get away from the case and "duck from the firing line."

The two young prisoners, attired in their most attractive gowns and hats, were brought down from the West Side Court prison in the custody of two uniformed policemen. They made the journey on the Ninth Avenue "L" and were stared at and followed by curious crowds all along the route. The grand jury room was jammed with hangers-on of the Criminal Courts Building when they were brought in.

LAWYER SHOWS POSTCARD TO GIRLS IN COURT.

Robert M. Moore opened up his batteries for the day by showing around a postal card addressed to Miss Graham and bearing the signature of a well-known New Yorker. Mr. Moore said he knew the signature, but the character of the communication was more than reckless and slanderous and few who saw it believed that the man whose name it bore would even have dreamed of writing it.

Ethel Conrad's mother, Mrs. Charles Nagel, was present at the arraignment, but her daughter did not deem her as much as a girl. Mrs. Nagel went throughout the hearing, but the girl did not appear to take the slightest interest in her emotion.

Magistrate Freschi opened the proceedings by asking for a report on Mr. Stokes's condition. Assistant District Attorney Sullivan informed him that he had been discharged from the hospital.

"He is much better," said Mr. Sullivan. "He has gone to Long Branch to recuperate and his counsel informs me he will be able to appear in court next Wednesday."

Attorney Moore jumped up then and exclaimed: "These girls have been locked up for more than a week on the assumption that Mr. Stokes was in a dangerous condition. Now it develops that he was well enough yesterday to take a trip to New Jersey."

STOKES RUNNING AWAY, SAYS MOORE.

"As a matter of fact he is running away from this case, ducking from the firing line. My clients are ready to go ahead with their examination but Mr. Stokes has put himself outside the jurisdiction of the court."

BOROUGH PRESIDENT WHOSE REMOVAL IS RECOMMENDED TO DIX



LAWRENCE GRESSER

BOUNCE GRESSER, SAYS PROBER, IN REPORT TO DIX

Ordway, After Investigation, Says Borough President Is Incompetent.

ALBANY, June 15.—Samuel H. Ordway, the Commissioner appointed by Gov. Hughes to examine the charges of negligence and incompetency in office preferred by Charles P. Caldwell and others against Lawrence Gresser, President of the Borough of Queens, in a report to Gov. Dix today recommends that the Borough President be removed from office.

Gov. Dix said he would examine the report carefully and that sufficient opportunity would be given Mr. Gresser to make such statements concerning the report as he may wish.

Commissioner Ordway finds that many of the charges are not sustained, but that those which are sustained show the Borough President to have been inefficient, incompetent and neglectful in his duty to protect the city and the Borough of Queens against fraud and corruption and maladministration on the part of certain of its subordinates. He says, however, that none of the charges against Mr. Gresser to have been personally dishonest or corrupt.

Mr. Ordway states that there has been a marked improvement of borough affairs since June, 1909.

Borough President Gresser was a very much respected man when informed by an Albany World reporter of the report of Commissioner Ordway. He was presiding at a local board meeting in Borough Hall, Long Island City, when seized. He had with him five Aldermen from the Borough of Queens, who, in the event of his removal, will be the ones to select his successor. The Aldermen were as much surprised as Gresser was himself.

"I do not see how Commissioner Ordway could have arrived at any such conclusion," Gresser said. "I will not have anything further to say for publication until I have consulted with my counsel and have read the full report."

It is understood that President Gresser will avail himself of the opportunity presented by Gov. Dix of making an answer to the report before the Governor takes final action.

GANGSTERS BEAT OLD MUSICIAN TO DEATH IN STREET

"Banties" Blamed for Murder of William Bley, Who Blew Horn at Hammerstein's.

REFUSED NIGHTLY TOLL.

Police Know Names of Two of Band That Infests West Side Lot.

A couple of red-faced young men in caps and collared shirts scrambled up the embankment from a vacant lot in Thirty-eighth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, shinned over the fence that incloses it and glanced up and down the street. Policeman Kelly turned the corner from Ninth avenue and the pair took it on the run.

"Gophers," said the policeman. "They're making themselves mighty scarce round here since some of their crowd killed Old Man Bley last night—they'll start a cop a mile off and beat it, and no wonder, for it's the worst job they've done since 'Newburg' Gallagher was sent away to Dannemora."

The slinking away of the young men and the talk today in the eight saloons in the block—nearly all "B-cent" booze places—over the latest outbreak of the Banty gang, a side-arm of the Gophers, are an echo of the old days of the leadership of Mickey McGloin who organized one of the first and most murderous gangs New York has ever known—a crowd that killed and robbed systematically and methodically and was broken up only with the death of its head.

MURDER OF BLEY LAID TO THE BANTY GANG.

The murder of William Bley, the kindly old musician, as he was on his way to his home at No. 422 Ninth avenue after the night's performance on Hammerstein's roof, where he played the French horn, is laid unanimously, in the neighborhood, to the credit of the Banties, an organization banded together by Banty Taylor, a young man who received his schooling from "Fat" Murphy and "Newburg" Gallagher in the days when those police-defying criminals directed the operations of the Gophers—pronounced "Gooferah"—a large gang that works on the west side, generally from Tenth avenue to the North River.

Banty Taylor has disappeared, but his followers have been hanging around the Thirty-eighth street block, "trashing the duck" on the warm summer nights, holding up other men for the price of a pint and making things unpleasant for women who are imprudent enough to go out evenings. For about a year they have been doing this and they have been regarded merely as a set of shiftless, vicious young men, barred from working by most of the unions, ready enough to scrap, but not murderous.

Last night's outbreak, however, gives them a different standing in the regard of the police and a sort of Central Office men are working in the locality today to run them to cover and break them up.

The vacant lot where the Banties make their evening headquarters is on the south side of the street. There is a deep ditch which holds the stagnant rainwater of months. Bushes grow in it, and tin cans and other rubbish float on its surface. It is a very place to be in the center of New York.

SALOONKEEPER REFUSED DRINK WITHOUT MONEY.

Diagonally across the street from this lot is Franz Mackler's saloon, a "Schuetzenhalle," he calls it. Last night one of the young men crossed from the lot and asked Mackler to fill a pint with beer. Mackler asked to see the money.

"In the hammock, Dutch," said the young man. This is Ninth avenue for a stand-up, and Mackler refused and ordered the youth out of the place.

The next minute a shower of garbage was flung through the swinging doors and Mackler, seeing a bully he keeps under the counter, rushed out on the sidewalk. As he passed his door he was struck in the eye and nearly felled. Stefan Lehr, who accompanied him, was knocked reeling.

Almost at the same instant, directly across the street, William Bley was attacked. Two of the young men had stopped him to ask for the price of a pint. He had given up to them before.

FALLS 28 STORIES OFF NEW BUILDING OF BANKERS' TRUST

Stone Setter Drops to Death in Front of J. P. Morgan's Office.

HORROR IN WALL ST.

Crowd of 5,000 Restrained With Difficulty—Women Faint at Sight.

William Anderson, thirty-five years of age and a stone setter, fell from the twenty-eighth floor of the new Bankers' Trust Company Building, at the corner of Wall and Nassau streets, at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The man's body was frightfully mangled.

A crowd of 5,000 persons jammed the streets in the excitement that followed the fall.

It was just after the lunch period ended that Anderson resumed his work at the top of the tall building. Just across from the place is the office of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., the Sub-Treasury and other concerns that occupy the leading places in the financial district. Anderson had charge of the placing of a large stone.

Hardly had he started his task when he fell. William Graham of Montclair, N. J., was coming out of Trinity Church at the moment. As Mr. Graham walked toward Wall street he saw the man's body turn over and over in the air. He was riveted to the spot by the horror of the fall. Mr. Graham saw the body strike a stone cornice four stories from the street, but there was no further accurate detail of the accident.

As the Montclair man stood half dazed a bit of bone struck him in the face. It was from Anderson's body, buried many feet through the air. The body fell in the center of Wall street and the spectacle was the most horrible the workers in the financial district ever saw.

Policeman Maloney, on duty at the corner of Wall and Nassau streets, ran to the spot, snatched a rubber cover from a horse nearby and covered the mangled body. Then he called for aid to restrain a surging, curious crowd that came from the curb market, from the Stock Exchange and from the brokers' offices in the neighborhood.

Three women who were in the street at the time fainted and were carried to a neighboring drug store.

Workmen said that Anderson not only struck the stone cornice at the fourth floor, which blew crushed his body, but came from the roof of a wooden guard that is erected over Wall street to protect passers from any material that might fall during the construction of the building.

The man's body was taken to the morgue. The contractors by whom he was employed are Angus Brothers. The accident is the second that had occurred on the building within a month. Four weeks ago a huge derrick fell through several of the top floors and hurt a couple of men.

OLVANY NEW FIRE DEPUTY.

Johnson Names Lawyer and Tammany Man for Assistant.

George W. O'Vany is the new Deputy Fire Commissioner who is to help "Joe" Johnson to run the Fire Department. Mr. O'Vany was today appointed by Commissioner Johnson. The Deputy's salary is \$5,000 a year.

Mr. O'Vany, who is thirty-six years old, is a lawyer, and a member of the Tammany organization of the Fifth Assembly District, of which Joseph Prendergast is leader. Mr. O'Vany has been an Alderman from Prendergast's district. He went to the City Hall today, where Mayor Gaynor administered the oath of office. He begins his duties at once at Fire Headquarters.

GAYNOR WINS IN KANE CASE.

Court Upholds Mayor's Refusal to Appoint Brooklyn Man.

ALBANY, June 15.—The order of the lower courts upholding the action of Mayor Gaynor in refusing to appoint James Kane as a commissioner of elections or Brooklyn Borough, was affirmed by the Court of Appeals today.

YOUNG VANDERBILT BURNED AS FLAMES DESTROY LAUNCH

Face and Hands of Harold, W. K.'s Son, Badly Injured in Blaze on River.

HE JUMPS OVERBOARD.

Gets Ashore Amidst Excitement While Flaming Craft Sets Fire to Pier.

RED TOP, Conn., June 15.—The launch Vagrant, owned by Harold Vanderbilt, son of W. K. Vanderbilt, which was moored beside the launch John Harvard, was destroyed by fire this afternoon.

Mr. Vanderbilt was badly burned about the face and hands, but luckily his eyesight is not impaired.

The launch was about twenty feet in length and had been used by Mr. Vanderbilt during his stay at the Harvard crew quarters. This afternoon he tried to start the gasoline engine, but it back-fired and set the woodwork afire. Mr. Vanderbilt had to jump overboard, and the launch, being free, drifted to the Government light, a short distance below, with the fire gaining rapidly on all parts of the boat.

The small Government pier was set afire, but this was quickly extinguished by crew men and others, but the launch went adrift again in spite of the efforts of employees in the crew quarters to rescue some articles on board. A short distance below the launch struck a snag and went down, putting out the fire before it reached the gasoline tank.

Mr. Vanderbilt had gotten ashore and had his burns dressed. His hair and eyebrows were all singed and there are burns on his arms and face. The launch was valued at about \$2,000.

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LOSES WIFE AND INCOME.

Hein Barred From Place in Firm Papa-in-Law Promoted.

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HIGHLANDERS' GAME OFF.

A heavy cloudburst just before game time this afternoon interfered with the Highlanders' game with Detroit. Tamm Tiger will be resumed to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

POSTPONED GAMES.

National League.

Brooklyn and Cincinnati game called off because of rain.

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MILLIONAIRE'S SON WHO WAS BURNED ON A BLAZING LAUNCH.



HAROLD S. VANDERBILT

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REICHMANN'S TRIAL MYSTERIOUSLY HALTS TO DISCARD A JUROR

Reasons Not Given Out Why Both Sides Suddenly Consent to Excuse Architect Budlong From Hearing Case.

FIGURED IN OFFER TO STOP CRUSADE AT FORT GEORGE.

New Talesman Accepted and Prosecutor Opens Case, Promising to Show Falsified Books.

After the sudden withdrawal of a juror, already chosen, had temporarily halted the trial of Joseph B. Reichmann, former president of the defunct Carnegie Trust Company, the vacancy in the box was filled this afternoon, and Assistant District Attorney John K. Clarke outlined the evidence by which he hopes to convict the defendant of making false and misleading reports to the State Banking Department.

George H. Budlong, an architect of No. 117 Wadsworth avenue, Bronx, Juror No. 8, was the man who was ousted so summarily and mysteriously. The man chosen to take his place was Harry E. Robey, a silversmith at No. 126 East Twenty-eighth street.

Beyond the statement made by both John B. Stanchfield, counsel for Reichmann, and District-Attorney Whitman that Juror No. 8 was excused "by consent," nothing further was given out at the time of the reasons for dropping the juror.

The unexpected turn in the trial followed a whispered consultation between Mr. Stanchfield, the District-Attorney and Justice Vernon M. Davis, before whom the trial is being held in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court.

WHITMAN MYSTERIOUS AS TO INFORMATION HE RECEIVED.

Later Mr. Whitman said information had been received by the Court that made it necessary to excuse the juror. The information was of such a nature that it could not be made public.

A man named George H. Budlong, an architect, living at No. 117 Wadsworth avenue in August, 1904, was chairman of a committee of property owners and residents of Morris Heights. This Budlong was said to have offered for \$500 to stop fighting the owners of amusement places at Fort George, and to arrange matters so that they would not be molested by complaints made to the police and Health Departments.

Afterward this particular Budlong declared that he had mentioned the money only in a joking way.

A man named George H. Budlong was the seventeenth talesman called, in January, 1907, as a juror in the trial of Harry Thaw. He was liked very much by Mr. Jerome, but Thaw declined to have him.

When Mr. Whitman was asked if the Budlong in the Reichmann trial was the Budlong connected with the Fort George affair, he replied: "Yes. I did not think it right to have him on this jury."

As soon as Mr. Robey had been chosen for the eighth place in the box Mr. Clarke opened the case for the State. He said that Reichmann, as president of the company, was dominant in its management, with Cummins, Condon and Moore, and his office adjointed that of William J. Cummins, ruling spirit of the group. He described the transactions upon which the indictment was based—statements regarding contingent liabilities, outstanding loans and borrowed money—plain disobedience of orders issued a short time before by the State Banking Department. Pleading entries in the books would likewise figure, he said, in the mass of evidence to be offered.

"It will show," continued Mr. Clarke, "that Reichmann was also president of the Merchants and Manufacturers Security Company, which got most of the money derived from these fraudulent transactions, and that the individuals against whose accounts the continual overdrafts were allowed to stand were two bookkeepers—M. J. Lyman and W. E. Rembert—whose daily balances averaged less than \$20, but who week in and week out, were apparently overdrawn from \$20,000 to \$50,000."

At this point court adjourned until Monday morning with Mr. Clarke's opening only half finished.

STANCHFIELD ATTACKS INDICTMENT AS DEFECTIVE.

The jury, which was completed last night, entered the box at 10:30 this morning. Immediately Mr. Stanchfield moved for the discharge of his client and the dismissal of the case. He said the indictment did not describe the place where the offense was committed, nor did the acts alleged in the indictment constitute a crime. He further alleged that the Grand Jury which found the indictment did not have jurisdiction.

District-Attorney Whitman in reply said that the indictment stated that the alleged crime was committed on Sept. 23, 1910, and that the phrase "then and there" could only mean that date and the County of New York.

Justice Davis then called the District-Attorney and Mr. Stanchfield for consultation that resulted in Juror Budlong being excused.